

Central United Methodist Church



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2025
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, pursuing justice and embracing all.***

201 - 3rd Avenue Knoxville TN 37917
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We Gather to Praise God

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† **Call to Worship**

Archie Ellis

Come and see, come and see!

We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

Come and see the one who changes lives.

We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

We come to follow Jesus.

Come and see...

We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Come and see the invitation before us...

Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

Let us worship God in whom we live, move and have our being. **Amen!**

† **Opening Hymn**

Maker, in Whom We Live

UMH 88

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Diety, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† Scripture

John 1:43-51

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

A Time for Young Christians

Ali Umbarger

Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).

Anthem

If I Can Help Somebody
Dan Taylor, soloist

A. Bazel Androzzo

Sermon

Three Beautiful Words: *I Was Invited*

Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Hymn

I Surrender All (vv. 1,4,5)

UMH 354

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily life.

[refrain] I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. [refrain]

All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name! [refrain]

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

† Dedication of Gifts

Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the love of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

† Benediction

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Jason D. Payne

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer List
Sunday, February 9, 2025

Diane Overbey is at Beverly Park Place (off Tazewell Pike) Monday. Cards and short visits (no food) would be appreciated. Her address is Room 115B, 5321 Beverly Park Circle, 37918.

Earl Bruce (Susie Knable's uncle) had surgery Friday at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center for his gall bladder. His doctors have also found a mass in his colon.

Kelsey Varnell was involved in an automobile accident on the way to work Tuesday. She was shaken up but not seriously injured.

Tom Price had an ultrasound test on his heart Friday at UT Medical Center.

Ronny McDaniel's (Judy Dooley's partner) is recovering at home.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 212, Decatur, GA 30033), **George Kiley** (1519 Chicago Ave, 37917), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka, 37917), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AR 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Charles Sartwell** (Ann Sartwell's father and former CUMC member, Ivy Park at Monterey, 1110 Cass St, Apt 101, Monterey, CA 93940), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms, 200 Nodding Oak, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516), **Bill Winans** (3696 Halcyon Trace, Trussville, AL 35173), **Rev. Grady Winegar** (4371 Lifespring Lane, #223, 37918), **Mason S** (son of Tiffany Mynatt's friend), and **Nic** (friend of In Mendenhall, c/o Tim Mendenhall, 865 Barksdale Dr, 37918)

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Bible Study, Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm, #209
Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00-11:30am, # 209
Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15 pm
Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm
Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

Monthly:

1st Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, # 213
Caswell Manor Lunch Prep
1st Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch
3rd Tuesday – Trustee Meeting, 10am, # 209
3rd Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep
3rd Friday – Serve VMC Lunch
4th Monday – Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, #210
4th Thursday – Help at Minvilla Manor
Second Harvest Food Pantry

February 12	4 th and Gill Neighborhood Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6pm
February 16	Justice Knox Meeting, Room 210, Noon
February 17	Remember Your Story, Room 209, 4-6 pm

The Central congregation is thankful for Pastor Jimmy's continued pastoral leadership as we grow in our discipleship and serve our community. The Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) invites you to make a contribution to the Pastor Appreciation fund as we plan to honor Jimmy on Sunday, February 23 during morning worship. Your contribution, duly noting its designation for Pastor Appreciation, can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or sent to the church office by February 19th. Thank you for considering a financial gift to help us extend our thanks and appreciation to Jimmy!

Want to join me for journey? A journey of connecting, listening, and telling your story. Come for a chance to remember where you have been. It may not be a smooth road as we bring up times of hurt. Come to be encouraged to move forward and find healing for places that are unfinished. Come get tools for how to share your story. Whether you have many years of memories or you are just getting started, you are invited to grow in making sense of your life story! *We will start Monday, February 17 from 4-6pm.* The group will meet for 10 sessions on the third Monday of each month from 4-6pm February through November. The book is called Remembering Your Story: Creating Your Own Spiritual Autobiography by Richard L Morgan. Contact Celeste Davenport if you have questions 865-414-4724

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative - This is an intentional prayer followed by intentional listening to the voice of God's Spirit for guidance. We let go of our opinions and preferences and Let God.

**Holy Spirit, breakthrough and open our hearts to be obedient to your will for Central Church.
Energize and empower us as we seek to accomplish your work in our community, our country, and the world.
We boldly pray and wait for your guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Lenten study - The Final Days: a Lenten Journey through the Gospels, by Matt Rawle. It is available through Abingdon Press as well as Amazon, Thriftbooks.com, Christianbook.com. We will meet in Room 210, throughout Lent on Sunday around 9:45 am for discussion.

Beaumont Snacks Needed

Sometimes something small makes a world of difference!

The snacks we take to **Beaumont Academy Magnet School** make a difference. The most requested are **mini bags of crackers, goldfish, and cheez-its; applesauce pouches, granola bars- no nuts, please; baked chips, popcorn, veggie straws and fruit snacks**. A small snack can stop hunger pains in a hungry child, and that makes a difference! Please add these to your grocery list and bring them to Central. We deliver on a weekly basis to help our kids at Beaumont.

New Flower Calendar for Dedications!

If you wish to claim a particular Sunday for putting flowers on the altar, a 2025 calendar is available for that purpose on the bulletin board in the church office. There are also policies for that, next to the calendar, which need to be observed. Please take note of when the Flower Guild needs to be notified and if you want a dedication listed in the worship guide, that information needs to be given to the church office no later than Tuesday of the week before.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you, in the pews, you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number, or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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